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E. O. 12065: GDS 10-22-87 (LANNON, GEORGE) OR-C
TAGS: CASC, CDES, ES
SUBJ: W/W JOHN SULLIVAN

REF: A) STATE 279971
B. STATE 279964

1. (C-ENITRE TEXT.)

2. WE TAKE SERIOUSLY ALL INFORMATON WE RECEIVE CONCERNING W/W OF JOHN SULLIVAN AND INVESTIGATE ALL LEADS AS THOROUGHLY AS POSSIBLE. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, WE CANNOT COMMENT ON THE CREDIBILITY OF THE LETTER UNTIL WE HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE LETTER DIRECTLY.

3. IT DOES STRIKE US AS STRANGE, HOWEVER, THAT THE SUPPOSED AGENT IDENTIFIED HIMSELF BY NAME AND ID NUMBER IN HIS LETTER TO THE WASHINGTON POST. IF THE LETTER HAD BEEN PUBLISHED, IT COULD HAVE MEANT CERTAIN DEATH FOR THE IDENTIFIED AGENT. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS LETTER WAS SENT BY SOMEONE WHO HOPED THE LETTER WOULD BE PUBLISHED THEREBY INSURING THE AGENT'S DEATH.

4. OUR PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REVEALS THE FOLLOWING:
(A) WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION THA THE IDENTIFIED AGENT EXISTS BUT ARE EXPLORING MEANS TO ASCERTAIN THIS FACT. THE LAST NAME IS A COMMON ONE.
(B) THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE HACIENDA POLICE IS LT. COL. GRANCISCO ANTONIO MORAN.
(C) ON THE CHANGE THAT THE SIX-DIGIT NUMBER PROVIDED WAS A TELEPHONE NUMBER, WE CALLED IT BUT FOUND IT NOT TO BE IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THIS CASE.

5. WE WILL TRY TO CONTACT THE WRITER VIA A CAREFULLY WORDED ADDITION TO THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER AD.

6. DEPARTMENT WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS. HINTON

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
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